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Five solid-cast resin registered pieces.

Veil netting, earrings, and pearls included.

Detailed assembly & painting tips.

Free, animated Bride "FlipBook" (N/A).

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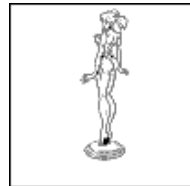
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Flip Book (No longer available)

Congradulations to all of you that have received the 110 page **Bride** paper "Flip Book"! This should be considered an "ash can " edition. It was hand drawn and hand produced by Mike James and took many generous hours to bring to you. If that is not enough, there are a very very low number of them that were printed. The flip book is also presented to you as the animation below. To use it, you must have his expressed permission (**you must speak to him personally**), and there should be a copyright line with his name and a link to the www.jamesart.com page. Please inform us if you have seen this art without his copyright line and link to our web pages.



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Kit Instructions

Parts Check

Make sure you have all these parts.

Main resin parts:

1. The large, body/head casting
2. Right arm
3. Left arm
4. The circular base

In plastic envelope:

5. One large bow (resin)
6. One tiny bow (resin)
7. One pearl strand (for hair)
8. 2 teardrop pearls (for earrings)
9. White veil netting

Dressing the Sprues and Removing Webbing

You will notice there are cylindrical casting sprues on the soles of her shoes. Do NOT cut these off! At least not entirely, they are meant to serve as "pegs" that fit snugly into the base and offer necessary support. Clean them of webbing however, and lightly sand, occasionally test fitting them into the base for proper depth.

Remove all webbing between the legs. The area just above the ankles is fairly obvious, but you may also wish to drill out the tiny webbing under her crotch and shape the tiny space between her upper thighs to a small inverted triangle.

The fingers require a delicate touch. We suggest an X-acto knife outfitted with a #11 blade and sanding. Also requiring a delicate touch are the bows. Remove sprues carefully with an X-acto saw or coping saw, and "shave" down the webbing between the ribbons with a blade.

Attaching Arms to Torso

Test fit the two arms to the torso and clarify which goes where. Notice the little vertical scribed line on each deltoid. It should line up with the scribed line on the arms. you may wish to pin the arms for added strength. Nails with the heads clipped off, or an inch of strong coathanger wire is good for this.

There are many pinning methods. If you have five-minute epoxy around, the following is an easy method. Drill a 1/2 deep hole in the center of the arm that is a tight fit for the nail or wire. Leave about a half inch sticking out. Into the center of the shoulder flat, drill a very LOOSE-fitting receiving hole for the wire. Drill just a little MORE than a half inch deep. Putting a piece of tape on your drill bit will help you gauge this depth. This loose hole gives you wiggle room to position the arm exactly right. Test fit, then spread epoxy on the pin and squirt epoxy into the big shoulder hole. First, insert the pin into the arm, then join the two pieces and work it a bit. Hold in place until epoxy sets. Putty seam and sand to 220 grit or finer finish.

Attaching the big bow

Finish cleaning and sanding the big bow before attaching - it's much easier to get at, this way. You will notice a small curved indentation on the back side of the bow. This indentation receives the raised seam of her teddy just above the buttocks. Test fit to feel the groove connect, and then glue on, making sure the bow tilts just slightly to reflect the slight cock in her hip and spire.

Attaching the tiny bow

The tiny bow on the front of her teddy also fits over a similar raised area the stretch of material between her breasts about a quarter inch below the ruffle. Test fit and glue generously.

Painting / Flesh

This is probably all the building you should do for now. It is a good time to do some painting. As the majority of this model is epidermis, it is important to spend as much time as necessary to get her skin

tones just right. We recommend painting flesh ONLY in natural daylight. If it's night, wait until morning. If you work days, wait until the weekend. If you don't do this, you will soon see why you should have, when you view your efforts in sunlight. Also, we should note that we used water-based acrylic colors formulated for airbrush use.

To achieve the coloration in the reference photo, as many as five different skin tones were mixed and airbrushed on, going lighter, darker, redder, yellower, feeling the color out, darker in the shadows, lighter on convex surfaces. Finally we "misted" the entire figure a lighter tangerine shade. Eventually the surface looked milky smooth and peachy like a baby's skin. Just the velvety look we wanted. Also, we should note that we painted the torso flesh as well, as if she were completely nude. This is because we wanted to do a see-thru effect for her teddy later.

In general, the basic method we employ rendering flesh tones, whether black, caucasian, or Asian is the same. First, solidly paint the figure the color you want to end up with. Then lay in darker values in depressions and shadowed areas. Next, highlight the protruding convex surfaces with lighter flesh. Finally, "mist" entire figure with subtle layers. This both "softens" your modulations and color corrects. After this process on the bride, we finished by airbrushing a creamy white over her breasts, misting her buttocks with an orangy blush, and applying a pinkish blush on the apples of her cheeks. Once all skin tones are exactly the way you want it, protect with two light coats of Testors Dull Coat Spray Lacquer and let dry overnite or at least a few hours.

Painting / The face

We start first with the eyes. Notice that little holes have been drilled to indicate the pupils. Mix up a straight black and fill these in. While you've got black on your brush, draw in eyeliner. Do not draw individual lashes, doing that always looks fakey, and doll-like. For the upper lashes, just make one solid line, thin near the inside corner, gradually going heavier to really thick on the outside edge. On lower lashes, taper in the same way, but with a much thinner line overall.

Iris color can be anything you wish. We did our "Bride" as a classic blue-eyed, blonde. Whatever you decide, paint the iris a slightly lighter shade of the color you want, and then carefully outline the outside edge of the iris with a darker shade of the color. This makes them look glassy and transparent. Also, a nice trick to keep the eyes from looking flat, is to throw the top third in shadow. Light gray for the top third of the whites, and a dark version of your iris color over the top third of the iris. This way, it looks as if her eyelashes are casting a shadow.

We painted liquid rubber masking frisket over the eyes, the lashes, and upper lids in order to airbrush a reddish brown eyeshadow. Mostly, we aimed right at the "crease" of the upper lid and avoided the upper part just below the eyebrow. We brush-painted an elegant shape for the eyebrows in a light orangy brown.

We darkened the nostrils with dark tan, and brush-painted the lips. For lipstick color, we mixed mostly pink, added a drip of orange, and two drips of "florescent" pink. This gave us a really fresh, bright color. We watered down this lip color for the airbrush and very lightly misted her cheeks and eyeshadow area to pull everything together.

Lastly, a little darker flesh in the crevices of the ears and we sealed the face with two light coats of Testor's Dull Coat.

Painting / Hair

Again, give your "Bride" whatever hair color you wish, but if you see her as a blonde, here's how we did it. First, with paint-on liquid rubber friskit in two thick coats, we masked off the face and all other skin

within three inches of the hair. Then we mixed up a whiteish, yellow-tan and solidly airbrushed her hair, we did darker yellow-tan washes for the crevices, and drybrushed pure white for highlights, Then misted all with the original yellow-tan color to remove the contrastiness. Finally, we misted all the hair in white to make her a "platinum" blonde. Sealed with Dull Coat and peeled off rubber frisket.

Painting / Outfit

To paint her outfit, we first protected the skin around her teddy with the rubber frisket. We then merely "misted" the teddy with pure white, lightening the skin tones. On the breasts we sprayed more opaquely. Then we lightly misted the whole suit again with "Pearlescent" or "Iridescent" White, careful not to obliterate the skin tones underneath. We sprayed the gloves, shoes and bows solid white before spraying them solidly again with pearlescent white. The pearlescent paint is not very opaque and requires a light base, that's why white first). Also, do NOT Dull Coat the pearlized paint. Lastly, we brush-painted in the nipples, mixing pearl white with the nipple color to indicate visibility through the filmy teddy material.

Onward to the stockings. Using drafting tape with very low tack, we masked off a 3/4 inch band of stocking around the top of each thigh and misted white. Peeling off only the lower piece of tape, we then continued to mist the remainder of her legs, only half-covering the flesh color. This gives a very effective "sheer" look. Sealed legs with Dull Coat

Finally, we put Liquitex Gloss medium over the shoes to make them glassy shiney. And while the gloss was on the brush, we also coated the eyes and wet her lips.

Surfacing the base

There are many treatments that can be done to the base - spray-painted metallic or chrome bumper retouch lacquer is nice. Also, the water-based, "pearlescent" or "iridescent" paint with just a hint of pink looks great.

For the kit reference photos, a silver-leaf finish was applied. At most crafts stores, you can buy Gold Leaf (expensive at about \$25 for 25 individual 3inch by 3inch sheets), Silver Leaf (\$10), or cheaper yet, Aluminum Leaf (just a few bucks.) We chose a warm Silver leaf for that touch of "class". It's easy to apply if you use some finesse. First, paint the sizing varnish all over the top of the base. It looks like shellac and can be airbrushed or hand brushed on thinly. Give it between a half hour and hour to dry - touch it very lightly with your finger to test tack. When it is about as tacky as drafting tape, you are ready to leaf.

Turn off anything in the room that moves air. This stuff is extremely thin and subject to the slightest air currents. Professionals use a special brush to lift off the leaf, but just picking it up carefully by two corners with your fingertips is fine. It's like flipping a blanket onto a bed, but in slow motion. Just wave the leaf over where you want it and let it drift down onto the sticky surface. Do this with several sheets until it is covered. You will need about five or six sheets. Now, with a VERY soft brush, just tap it down gently and work it in.

Attaching the base

Sand off any paint that might have gotten on the casting sprues coming out of the Bride's feet. Also, sand the soles of her feet and inside the scribed area on the base indicating where the feet will sit. You want a STRONG resin to resin bond at these critical contact points. If you have not trimmed off the sprue pegs to the proper length yet, do so now. Test fit to make sure you can push the pegs all the way in, so that the soles of her feet touch the base firmly and flatly. The heels should also touch. Eyeball to make sure she is straight up and down. Got it? Good, because you only have one chance at this.

Pull her off and flood the pegs and soles of her feet with cyanoacrylate glue (super glue). Take a deep breath and shove her feet pegs down into the holes, working it back and forth, pushing down hard. Once

fully in, eyeball her quickly to make sure she is straight up and down, turning to check plumbness from all sides. Hold in position until glue sets.

Attaching the veil and pearls

Lay a plate over the mesh provided and trim to a circular shape. Twist it in the center to make a sort of conical fan design and tie the pointy end with white thread to hold that shape. Put a healthy drop of glue on the end and attach to the underside of the hair bun. Grab the string of pearls and put a drop of glue on one of the end pearls, attaching next to the veil. Wrap around bun and find which pearl will touch the veil on the other side. Put a drop of glue on that pearl to weld it to the string. Let it dry and trim off any excess pearls. (Save them for the earrings if you want.) Now, glue the entire strand in place.

Jewelry

We have seen people use sequins, polished BB's, pieces of mirrored mylar, almost anything shiney for earrings. You can rummage through almost any utility drawer and find stuff that could make earrings - feel free to be inventive here. We have included two little pearl-drop earrings as an option. They work by themselves or as an addition to any round bead. With that final detail complete, you are probably now admiring one of the most "beautiful" figurative kits you are likely to see in this hobby. So, enjoy your new "Bride" and till death, do you part.

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